

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### NOMINATIONS

At least 60 days before the Annual convention the President shall appoint an elections committee. The committee shall meet after their appointment and receive recommendations for prospective candidates for office. The committee will then proceed to nominate at least one candidate for each position to be filled. At least 30 days before the Annual Convention the elections committee will submit their report to the President.

A member may be nominated either by himself or another member for any office. This nomination may be made without a seconding motion at any time within 90 days prior to the date of the election. Notice of the nomination must be made in writing and sent addressed to the Secretary with a copy to the President.

Providing such notice of nomination is received by the Secretary at least 45 days prior to election date, the nomination shall be mailed out with the President's information package 15 days prior to Annual Convention.

If the nomination is made after the 45 day deadline, the nominee may, at his own expense and effort, notify all active members of his candidacy in order to enjoy the benefit of write-in votes on absentee ballots.

Additional nominations may be made for any office by any active member without a seconding motion until the final call for nominations at the Annual Convention.

All nominees for any office must be active members in good standing.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots will be permitted and provided for the annual election of officers.

Absentee ballots will be sent to all members at the same time the nominating committee report is distributed.

Two envelopes shall accompany the absentee ballot; one unmarked, and one self-addressed which will identify the active member by name. The ballot will be sealed in the unmarked envelope, then enclosed in the addressed envelope for delivery or mailing to the Secretary. Absentee ballots must be received by the Secretary no later than the opening of the business meeting of the Annual Convention.

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The president shall appoint a teller and any assistants he deems appropriate to collect and tally the ballots.

Immediately prior to the election of officers, the Secretary shall have a roll called. Any absentee ballot held by the Secretary having been cast by a member in attendance at this roll call will be then destroyed. At this time the outer identifying envelope of all remaining ballots will be removed and the unmarked envelopes containing the ballots will be delivered by the Secretary to the teller.

After all nominations for each office have been made and closed, the Secretary shall cause suitable ballots to be distributed to all active members.

The teller will count and record the absentee ballots separately from those cast at the meeting. In the event more than one balloting is required for a position, the absentee ballots will be cast again for subsequent balloting.

The teller will present the results of his tally to the President who will announce the results of the voting for each position. A majority of the votes cast for each position shall be necessary for election.

In the absence of a majority being obtained by any one candidate in an election, the two highest vote getters will be placed in run-off elections until a majority is achieved by one.